

Faculty fling fake facts in food fight

Professors talk latkes and hamentashen

By Yuanyu Chen
STAFF REPORTER

Latkes or Hamentashen? That was the question this past Wednesday as students, faculty, and staff packed into 26-100 in anticipation of MIT Hillel's annual Latkes vs. Hamentashen debate. Six professors fought it out, arguing for the ultimate Jewish food product: the latke (a fried potato pancake eaten during Hanukkah) or the hamentash (a three-sided filled cookie eaten during Purim).

Professor Keith A. Nelson of the Chemistry Department, the moderator, opened the night by showing how latkes and hamentashen influence MIT, both in research and buildings. Keith claimed that both latkes and hamentashen inspired architect Frank O. Gehry, who designed the Stata Center. "Gehry used the shapes of the latke and the hamentash in the design of the Stata Center," he said.

Representing the latke were Amy Smith '84 of D-Lab, Professor Barbara Imperiali of the Chemistry Department, and Dr. Erika B. Wagner '02 of the X-Prize Lab. On

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YUANYU CHEN—THE TECH

Sophia E. Lee '12 and Brian L. Ross '11, dressed up as a latke and a hamentash, engage in a fierce but playful battle before the start of the eighth annual **Latke vs. Hamentashen** debate held on Wednesday evening in 26-100.

Chancellor outlines likely budget cuts

Many task force ideas still being considered

By Ana Lyons
NEWS EDITOR

In a public statement posted Wednesday on his website, Chancellor Phillip L. Clay PhD '88 responded the Institute-wide Task Force recommendations. While some of the cost-cutting ideas will be implemented soon, many major ideas — like adding more undergraduates, opening summer classes to a wider demographic, eliminating Athena clusters, changing add drop date and modifying the existing dining system — will require further research before being implemented.

Among the ideas that Clay suggests to be implemented the soonest are:

- Reducing the number of dorms available for summer housing
- Adjusting financial aid to true food costs
- Eliminating "redundant" shuttle routes

"These decisions that MIT faces in responding to financial downturn are not easy ones," Clay said in an e-mail sent to all students yesterday.

Clay's response to the community and his recent e-mail to students are part of the senior administration's efforts to demystify the budget cuts for the community, to gain input from students and faculty, and to better address widespread concerns.

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MIT to limit summer housing options

Most dorms will be closed to undergraduates this summer

By Natasha Plotkin
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

MIT plans to close most dorms to undergraduates over the summer, according to Dormitory Council President Abdulaziz M. Albahar '10. The change from keeping all dorms open to undergraduates, as in past years, should save MIT about \$500,000, Albahar said.

Of those dorms closed to undergraduates, some will be used by other groups that stay at MIT over the summer and others will close completely, Albahar said. Some of the closed dorms will undergo renovations.

The Housing Strategy Group, chaired by Dean for Student Life Costantino Colombo and Dean for Graduate Education

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MIT removes cameras from Lobby 10

Security office says there is a usage policy for footage

By John A. Hawkinson
NEWS EDITOR

Two video cameras monitoring Lobby 10 were removed yesterday morning, according to Thomas W. Komola of the Security and Emergency Management Office.

The cameras "were intended for temporary use," Komola said in an e-mail, and their removal had been scheduled prior to Tuesday's *Tech* article pointing out the cameras.

"The cameras were actually loan-

ers from a company that wanted us to demo their product," Komola said.

Other cameras on campus

In 2007, *The Tech* reported on cameras that monitored public spaces on campus. Komola provided a list of cameras that had been installed since:

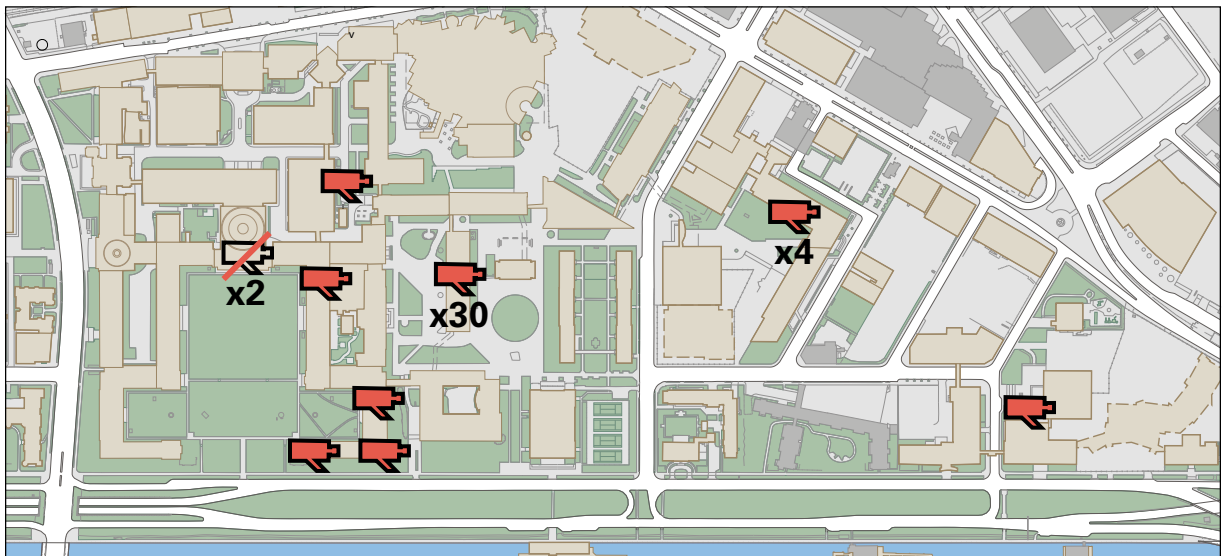
- Outside the hazardous waste storage facility in Building 12A.
- Outside E52's bicycle racks, in response to thefts.
- Four cameras installed outside MIT Medical for two purposes: validating

late-night access requests; and monitoring of Medical last summer when Medical's urgent care was closed.

The Tech survey had previously noted in 2007:

- Four cameras installed in Building 2. David A. Blum of the Math department confirmed Tuesday that there had been no changes to those cameras. Their recorded footage is kept for one week.
- Thirty cameras throughout Building 18 maintained by Chemistry, as well as

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Many public spots on campus are monitored by security cameras. Two were removed from Lobby 10 yesterday. Video footage on these cameras are stored only for limited periods of time, ranging from one to several weeks.

IN SHORT

UPS driver Al F. Licarie is moving on, after serving MIT's route for 15 years. *See page 9.*

Finboard allocated 18 percent more money this term compared to the fall. *See page 8.*

The Chorallaries' *n*th Annual Concert in Bad Taste is tomorrow in 26-100, 11:59 p.m. Line up early for this free concert!

CSAIL's wireless network was upgraded to 100 Mbps 802.11n. *See page 9.*

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AMAZING MEN'S BASKETBALL

They are having the best season in history: 22 wins, 3 losses. **SPO, p. 12**

WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE ARE 2ND

For the 11th straight year, MIT came in 2nd in the NEWMAC. **SPO, p. 12**



TOULOUSE-LAUTREC'S DECADENT PARIS

An exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts explores the artist's thrilling paintings of fin de siècle Paris. **ARTS, p. 5**

ANDALA CAFÉ IS PERFECTION

The drinks are classy at this charming Central café where the vibe is just a touch eclectic. **ARTS, p. 5**

THE ARISTRY OF YUNA KIM

Her secret to success: She has mastered sport of figure skating, so she can focus on the art. **ARTS, p. 5**

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Democrat seeks attention in Florida senate race

By Damien Cave
THE NEW YORK TIMES

ORLANDO — Rep. Kendrick B. Meek, the leading Democratic candidate for Florida’s open Senate seat, listened quietly last week to tales of woe: a college student who nearly ended up homeless because her mother had lost her job; a laid-off mother who paid for health care with credit cards; an electrician struggling to get unemployment benefits.

“Somehow in this campaign, I need to give you all some voice,” Meek said.

He leaned forward at a cafe here, a 6-foot-4 hulk of a man with a boyish smile, and added that his Republican competitors — Gov. Charlie Crist and Marco Rubio, the former speaker of the Florida House — were too concerned with ideology, not action. And though he has served as a congressman from South Florida since 2002, Meek promised to help reform Washington, where now, he said, “politics trumps public policy.”

This is the core argument of a

campaign that most Floridians have yet to see or hear. Meek, 43, has been a long-shot candidate from the start, but lately he has struggled to gain traction because of all the action on the Republican side.

Rubio versus Crist was initially expected to be a walk for the moderate, cheerful governor. Instead, it has become a grudge match over the future of the Republican Party. Six months before the Aug. 24 primary, each week brings another round of jabs under a national spotlight.

A Quinnipiac poll last month showed the race essentially tied among registered Republicans, after Rubio — a Cuban-American protégé of former Gov. Jeb Bush and a favorite of the conservative Tea Party set — had been down by 31 points in June when he joined the race.

The polls, of course, may not be destiny. In a state dominated by expensive news media markets, Rubio is still behind in fundraising, with \$3.37 million collected, according to state records, compared with \$4.96 million for Meek and \$8.99 million for Crist.

The challenge for Meek is that

he is generally unknown outside Miami. According to the January poll by Quinnipiac), 72 percent of all those surveyed, and 60 percent of Democrats, said they did not know enough about him to form an opinion.

Many of his supporters say this can be solved by Election Day. They praise Meek as a methodical campaigner who is building his organization and visiting small gatherings all over the state.

The contrast between the parties’ candidates looked particularly stark last week.

While Crist hosted a meeting about the state’s space industry, and Rubio spoke at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, earning a standing ovation for defending free enterprise, Meek spent the day on the road from Orlando to the Florida Panhandle, taking questions from voters struggling to pay their bills.

Former Lt. Gov. Buddy MacKay, who hired Meek as his driver when Meek was a state trooper in the 1990s, said that at some point, the retail politicking would pay off.

Intentions of whale in killing are debated

By Damien Cave
THE NEW YORK TIMES

MIAMI — Homicide investigators in Orlando said Thursday that the death of a trainer at SeaWorld on Wednesday occurred when the theme park’s largest male Orca whale grabbed the trainer by her hair while she stood in shallow water, and dragged her into a deep pool.

Within minutes, the trainer, Dawn Brancheau, 40, was dead from drowning and what the police described as “multiple traumatic injuries.” There were no signs of foul play on the part of anyone other than the whale, but questions about the mammal’s intent continued to linger. Was the 12,000-pound Orca, Tilikum (Tilly for short) acting violently, possibly because of stress from captivity? Or was he just playing?

When chimpanzees, alligators, pythons and pit bulls have been involved in attacks against humans,

they have generally been euthanized quickly, without much debate. But whales and other large mammals in captivity are different, experts say, because they are truly wild, and they live under the watchful care of professional trainers, who can explain their behavior in context.

Tilly, more than most, has been hard to defend. His record is hardly clean. In 1991, he and two female killer whales drowned a trainer, Keltie Byrne, at an aquarium in Canada before a crowd of spectators. Eight years later, SeaWorld officials found the naked, lifeless body of a homeless man who had sneaked into Tilly’s pool after hours lying across the whale’s back.

At least one animal activist, Russ Rector, a Fort Lauderdale dolphin trainer, said he wrote a letter to SeaWorld three years ago warning that the park’s trainers were inviting attacks by pushing show mammals too hard to please a crowd. Video of Tilly taken before the drowning on Wednesday shows that he was

excited, or agitated, depending on one’s point of view.

Richard Ellis, a marine conservationist at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, said that generally whales like Tilly — which are actually members of the dolphin family — are too smart to have been acting purely out of impulse. Pulling Brancheau into the water, he said, was not an accident.

“This was not an insane, uncontrollable act,” Ellis told The Associated Press. “This was premeditated.”

But was it intentionally violent? Graham Worthy, a whale expert at the University of Central Florida, said he doubted it. “These are animals that can tear apart a blue whale,” Worthy said. “If this was an animal that was trying to be aggressive, what would have happened would be much more gruesome.”

He said that in a handful of his own interactions with Tilly, “He struck me as a laid-back guy who is kind of lazy, frankly. He’s a misunderstood big kid.”

New home sales hit low

The sickly housing market was socked with another dose of bad news on Wednesday when the Commerce Department reported that new home sales fell in January to the lowest level since record-keeping began in 1963.

Almost as disturbing was the continuing reluctance of people to apply for mortgages. The Mortgage Bankers Association said applications for loans to buy homes dropped last week to the lowest level since 1997.

January’s 11.2 percent drop in new-home sales to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 309,000 came as a surprise to analysts, who had forecast an increase of 3.5 percent. It was the third consecutive month that sales fell.

The previous bottom was January 2009, after Wall Street crashed and there was considerable talk of another Great Depression. Wall Street has largely recovered, the depression talk has abated, but sales last month still fell 6 percent below the earlier trough.

That does not bode well for the expiration of tax credits for home buyers this spring, especially if mortgage rates move up to anything approaching their traditional levels.

Buyers do not seem to be flocking to houses in February, either. Applications for mortgages to buy houses fell 7.3 percent last week.

—David Streitfeld & Javier C. Hernandez, The New York Times

Toyota’s president offers ‘full responsibility’

WASHINGTON — Making his way through a crowd of camera crews and photographers, the president of Toyota, Akio Toyoda, walked into a House hearing room on Wednesday and took “full responsibility” for the problems that the carmaker has faced.

For more than three-and-a-half hours, Toyoda, with a translator at his right and the company’s North American chief executive at his left, fielded heated questions from lawmakers about the recall of more than six million vehicles in the United States and the carmaker’s delay in responding to problems of sudden acceleration.

Toyoda spoke in a calm, detached manner, and at one point faced criticism from a representative on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform for failing to show adequate remorse for those who had been killed in accidents involving acceleration problems.

The first reports of sticking pedals surfaced in Britain and Ireland in late 2008, and by August 2009, Toyota began a production change on cars sold in Europe that was completed by January, weeks before it recalled millions of vehicles in the United States.

—Micheline Maynard, The New York Times

States push an expansion of gun rights

When President Barack Obama took office, gun rights advocates sounded the alarm, warning that he intended to strip them of their arms and ammunition.

And yet the opposite is happening. Obama has been largely silent on the issue while states are engaged in a new and largely successful push for expanded gun rights, even passing measures that have been rejected in the past.

In Virginia, the General Assembly approved a bill last week that allows people to carry concealed weapons in bars and restaurants that serve alcohol, and the House of Delegates voted to repeal a 17-year-old ban on buying more than one handgun a month. The actions came less than three years after the shootings at Virginia Tech that claimed 33 lives and prompted a major national push for increased gun control.

Arizona and Wyoming lawmakers are considering nearly a half-dozen pro-gun measures, including one that would allow residents to carry concealed weapons without a permit. And lawmakers in Montana and Tennessee passed measures last year — the first of their kind — to exempt their states from federal regulation of firearms and ammunition that are made, sold and used in state.

—Ian Urbina, The New York Times

Greek debt and a weak job sector weigh on investors

By Javier C. Hernandez
THE NEW YORK TIMES

A tense day for Wall Street ended with a tinge of hope, as a rise in commodity prices helped temper anxiety about Greek debt and the American jobs market.

The major indexes never left negative territory on Thursday, but a late surge helped shares bounce back from steep declines earlier in the day.

From the start, stocks seemed poised for a gloomy day, with the Dow Jones industrial average plunging nearly 200 points minutes after the open. By late afternoon, a rise in prices of commodities like gold and cotton and a flight from the dollar helped the markets regain some of their losses.

Gold rose 1 percent on Thursday, while cotton gained 2.54 percent.

The Dow Jones industrial average declined 0.51 percent, or 53.13 points, to 10,321.03. The Standard & Poor’s

500-stock index fell 0.21 percent, or 2.3 points, to 1,102.94. The Nasdaq composite index dropped 0.08 percent, or 1.68 points, to 2,234.22.

The Treasury’s 10-year note rose 15/32, to 99 30/32. The yield fell to 3.63 percent, from 3.69 percent late Wednesday.

Much of the angst on Wall Street and in Europe stemmed from the debt crisis in Greece. Investors were upset by reports that the rating agencies Moody’s Investors Service and Standard & Poor’s were considering a downgrade of Greece’s debt, possibly to junk status. While the European Union has pledged to help preempt a default in Greece, that has not entirely eased concerns that the debt crisis could spread.

“This is another log on the pyre,” said Uri D. Landesman, head of global growth at ING. “Now the focus turns to other countries — Spain and Italy — where a sovereign debt crisis would be infinitely more important.”

Landesman said that he believed

investors had come to view the early sell-off as an overreaction to “old news.”

In Europe, markets retreated sharply. Investors were weighing a report by the European Commission that predicted growth of 0.7 percent this year and highlighted the weakness of housing markets, industrial output and retail sales.

The FTSE 100 index in London declined 1.21 percent, the CAC 40 in Paris fell 2.02 percent, and the DAX in Frankfurt dropped 1.48 percent.

The euro settled at \$1.3545, after nearing a nine-month low.

A snapshot of the American labor market showed that many more people than expected filed first-time unemployment claims last week. Weekly jobless claims rose 22,000, to 496,000 — the highest level in more than three months. A closely watched four-week average, considered a more accurate barometer of the jobs market, gained unexpectedly as well.

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Bringing sugar and spice to the ice

Yuna Kim transforms figure skating into art

By Maggie Liu
ARTS EDITOR

I have always been drawn to figure skating for its combination of ballet, dance, and gymnastics — when executed well, a skater delivers a performance worthy of lush red curtains and a Broadway stage. Sadly, the beauty in figure skating is often lost in the number-crunching and the tallying up of how many points combination XYZ will produce. Though skaters must fulfill strict technical requirements, what really sets an amazing performance apart is the artistry.

Having followed Olympic figure skating

since the days of Michelle Kwan, I find that sometimes the competitions run the risk of being too numbers-based. Kim is a very very good skater. Her strengths lie in the preciseness of her execution. Every movement is deliberate. Call her a fierce competitor or a consummate showman, but Kim does not succumb to pressure. She hits all the required marks and delivers her performances with such finesse that her skating transcends sport. Yuna Kim succeeds because she has mastered the sport of figure skating, allowing her to focus on the art: narrating a tale on the ice.

For Wednesday’s short program, Kim transformed into a sensual, charming

Bond girl. For two minutes and forty seconds, that persona ruled the ice with a coy smile here, and a flirtatious glance there. Her massive triple jumps were perfectly executed, but almost an afterthought, somehow secondary to the character she had crafted. The performance went beyond just movement. It was an theatrical performance that stayed with the audience well after her final bow.

The image that Kim presented that night was sleek. Figure skating costumes are known to be flashy and I cringe at the parade of chiffon, poofs, and random streamers decorating the costumes. Even NBC sports announcers agree: “I do find some of

the costumes sometimes are over the top,” said Dick Button, the two-time gold medalist and a commentator for NBC at the Turin Olympics. “You almost feel you’ve been trapped in a windmill in the Metropolitan Opera House costume department.” Kim chose a one-shouldered black number with a smattering of crystals. While one may argue that costume design is irrelevant to the quality of a skater’s routine, it is relevant in a performance. In Kim’s case, it completed her Bond girl persona.

Regardless of what medal Yuna will wear on the podium, she will be remembered and praised for her lyricality and poise, not just as an athlete, but also a performer.

DOUBLE SOY LATTE, PLEASE!

Home is where the tea is

Central Square’s Andala Café makes studying a warm, relaxed experience

By Tracy Kambara
STAFF WRITER

A common fantasy among my girlfriends is to quit MIT and open up a neighborhood café. Should that life-altering day come for me, I imagine my store will be a lot like Andala Café: cozy, charming, and a touch eclectic.

Andala Café must have hit the real estate jackpot, because a restaurant this spacious in Central Square is about as common as a day at MIT without construction. The converted brownstone has two floors in addition to an indoor and outdoor patio. Gorgeous area rugs complement brightly colored walls and mismatched tables, chairs, and wooden benches, brightening up even the gloomiest winter days.

I walk in, take a seat, and a friendly server comes my way. The staff at Andala Café know just how much service to offer. They don’t pester customers with laptops and papers, leaving us to work in peace. Even with the table service, there is no pressure to leave. They remind me of a pit crew in the Indy 500 — they’re there to refuel you, change your tires, and keep you running at top speed.

My latte is on the small side, but it’s strong, hot, and delicious, with just enough foam to make a dainty leaf pattern on top. It’s only 9:30 in the morning, so I order a cinnamon brioche pastry, which reminds me of a sophisticated bear claw. I am pleasantly surprised by the sweet, apple pie-like filling inside. I make a mental note to try out their hummus platter and other middle-eastern specials in the future.

Unfortunately, my p-set outlasts my food and drink. I ask to see their tea selection, expecting to be handed a menu. Instead, the server brings over two wooden boxes, each filled with twelve small containers of their loose-leaf teas. The presentation reminds me of the street vendors in New York City who pop open their briefcases to reveal dazzling silver chains and “designer” watches. Within minutes, I was sipping on a cup of Pan Asia, a flavored green tea infused with dried chrysanthemums.

Just in case I actually went through with my plans to open up a coffee shop, I had created a playlist on my iPod a while back, appropriately but not creatively entitled “Coffeehouse.” It contains a lot of Ray LaMontagne, Keane, James Morrison, and the like. At Andala Café, it was as if I had just plugged my iPod into their speakers.

Andala Café

286 Franklin St.

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Travel Time from 77 Mass Ave: 8 minutes

In case you find my taste in music abhorrent, you can just bring your computer. Wi-fi is fast and totally free, although outlets are well-hidden amongst the furniture and décor.

Andala Café has everything I look for in a coffee shop — from the laid-back vibe to the quality drinks (they even have house-squeezed fruit juices in the dead of winter). And while all of that is paradise, the mug-half-empty side of me can’t help but feel disappointed that someone else has already built my dream café. I think I’m going to have to move onto a more original fantasy, like quitting MIT to become the next YouTube sensation.

EXHIBIT REVIEW

A little bit of Paris, in all its glamour and decadence

Toulouse-Lautrec exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts depicts turn-of-the-century Paris society

By Kathryn Dere

Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec produced intimate perspectives into the decadent lifestyle of early 20th-century Paris. While we look back upon his work as modern and fashionable, his images had been considered provocative amongst his peers.

If you haven’t made it over to the Museum of Fine Arts yet, you should go very soon; the exhibit on Toulouse-Lautrec’s Paris is a short and sweet take on everyday life in the fashion capital of the late nineteenth-century. Besides, a trip like this takes less than two hours out of your day. I’ve clocked it.

Now perhaps “short and sweet” is not the best way to describe this exhibit. The exhibition as a whole is refreshingly concise, a plus for casual museum-goers. It contains a nice sampling of Toulouse-Lautrec’s more famous works, as well as those of his contemporaries. (There is Theophile-Alexandre Steinlen’s iconic poster *Collection of the Chat Noir*, and even Picasso has managed to claim space for a small painting, *Stuffed Shirts (Les Pastrons)*, with a distinctly turn-of-the-century Parisian flavor.)

As for this Parisian flavor, I admit that my reference to fashion may incorrectly suggest that the artwork immediately embodies this characteristic. While fashion may come with glamour, the two are very distinct entities, and glamour does not automatically overlap fashion.

For example, it may not have been fashionable to be glamorous in Paris during the turn of the century, but that is the kind of glamour that might be fashionable today. In the airy, line-driven prints of the time we have posters to hang on kitchen walls as an off-hand tribute to Art Nouveau and La Belle Epoque.

Café and Cabaret: Toulouse-Lautrec’s Paris

November 21, 2009 – August 8, 2010

Museum of Fine Arts

“It’s bohemian,” we say, “and therefore glamorous.” Steinlen’s advertisement, *Yvette Guilbert* — *At the Ambassadeurs Café Concert*, presents us a tall, slim figure with long black gloves: glamorous, yes, but as a public performer, hardly the kind of woman who would be able to mingle in fashionable company respectably.

Only a few faint movements of Toulouse-Lautrec’s pencil expose the mildly seedy activities of Paris’s arts crowd, hidden beneath the glamorous façade. His famous posters — *Aristide Bruant in his Cabaret*, for one — cannot be ignored, but his sketches should not be forgotten. Sketches from the theater feature couples watching plays from their boxes and celebrities performing on the stage, but Toulouse-Lautrec passes swift judgment on these subjects, capturing them in a less than ideal light. Toulouse-Lautrec, not unlike Degas, liked depicting people from the most unconventional, and sometimes less than flattering, perspectives.

In short, the artwork of Toulouse-Lautrec is a sensibility in bold lines and a challenge to do better. It is Paris.

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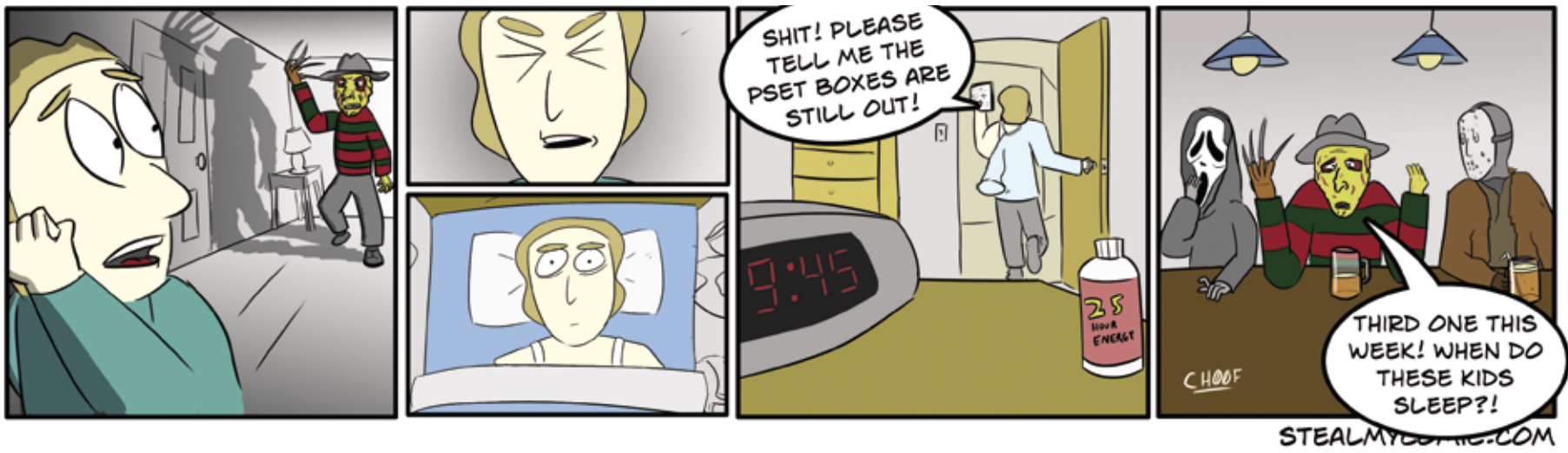
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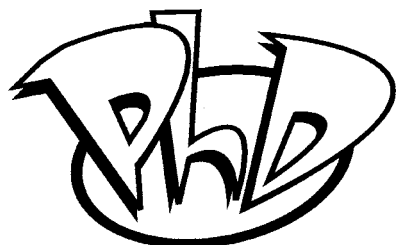
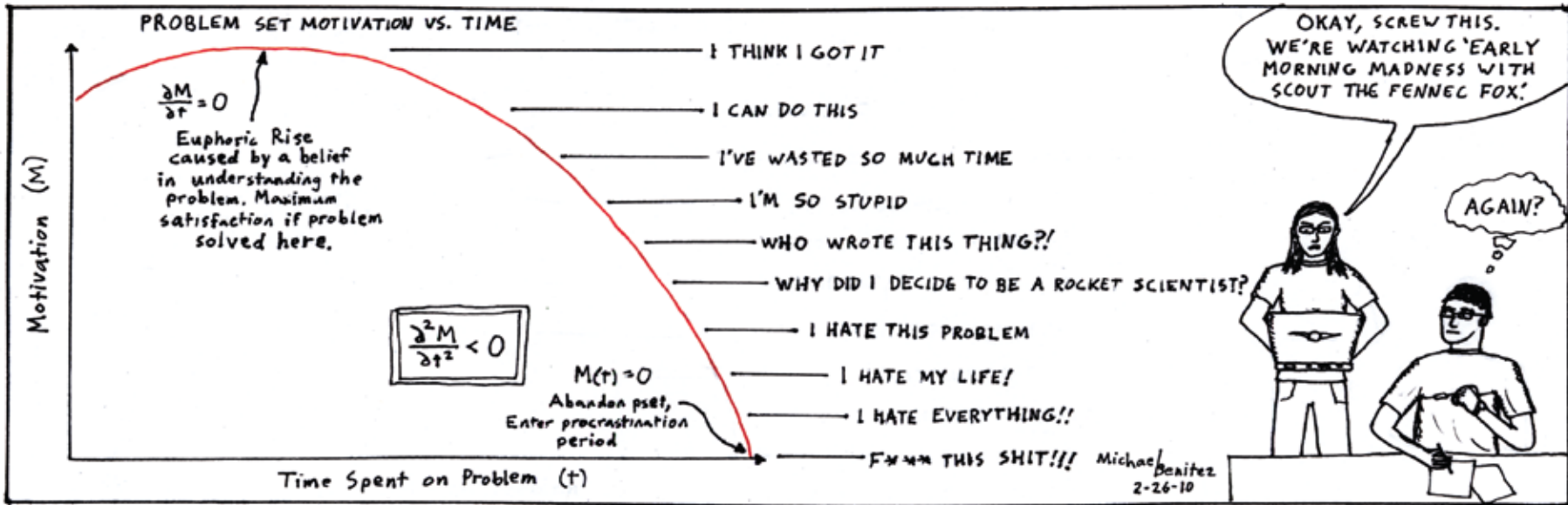
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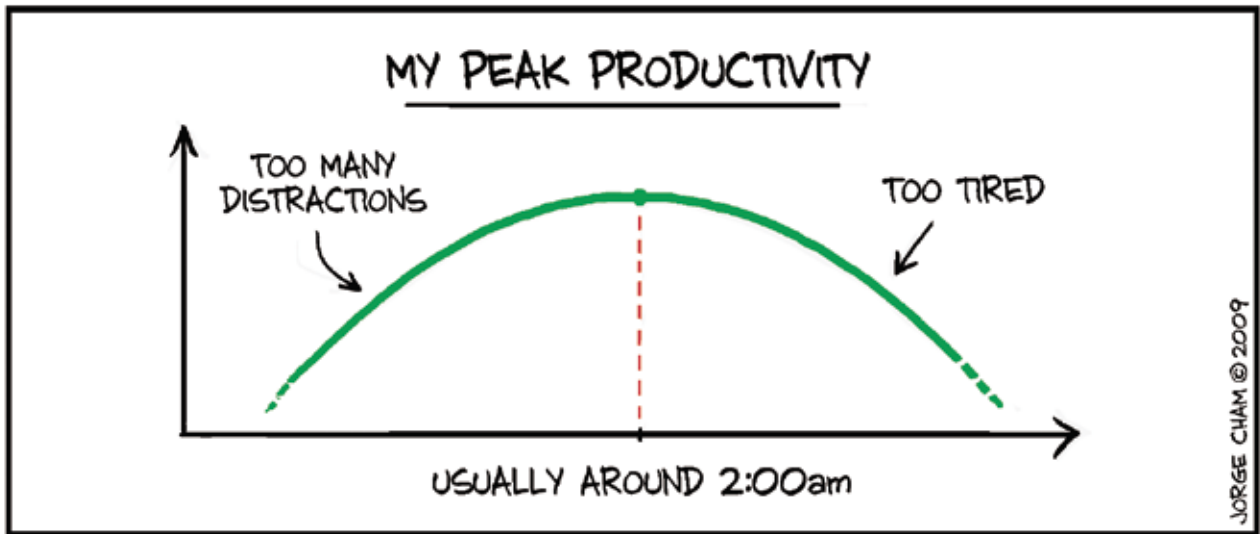
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Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 8

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- 6 High: pref.
- 10 Old Icelandic saga
- 14 Heart connection
- 15 Bellow
- 16 Playwright Coward
- 17 Star of "The Wise Little Hen"
- 19 Seethe
- 20 Superlatively tempestuous
- 21 Part of a mailing add.
- 22 Bruno of "City Slickers"
- 23 Gateway rival
- 24 Most strange
- 27 Thinks about
- 30 Gargoyle
- 31 Beauty parlor
- 33 Actress Ruby
- 34 Final bio?
- 35 "Call Me ___"
- 36 Nutmeg spice
- 37 Drawn Abner
- 38 Fastidious
- 39 Trap for the unsuspecting
- 40 Chic

- 42 Taxi devices
- 43 Chip's chipmunk buddy
- 44 "Crazy" singer
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- 55 At rest
- 56 Softly, in music
- 57 Twisted
- 58 Horse turns to the right
- 59 Spiral pin

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- 4 Most blatant
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- 6 Egyptian weight
- 7 Wretchedly bad
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- 10 Wrap around

- 11 Share a night out
- 12 Display model
- 13 "Roots" author Haley
- 18 Malicious gossip
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- 27 "___ Misty for Me"
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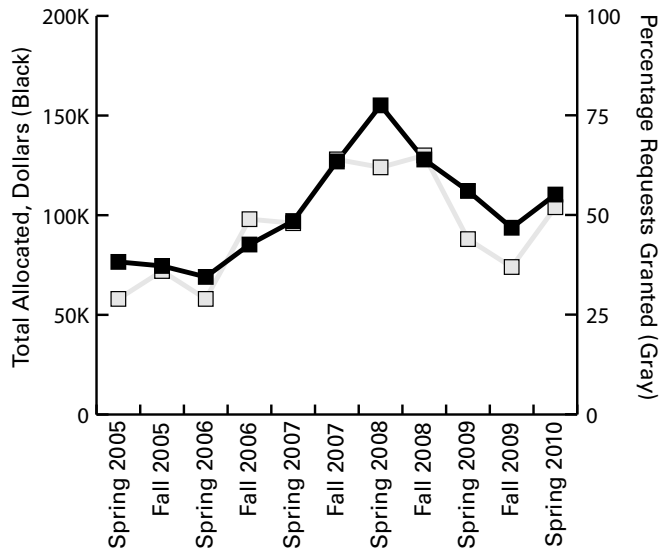
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Finboard Student Group Allocations



SOURCE: UA FINANCE BOARD

Last Monday, appeals wrapped up and the UA Finance Board approved the final student group allocations for the spring. The total allocation this semester increased by 18 percent, or \$16,661, since last semester. UA President Mike A. Bennie '10 said that the allocation increase was due primarily to an increase in the UA budget, which occurred because of the Student Life Fee increased by \$22 last year. According to Bennie, the Student Life Fee makes up approximately one-third of the UA budget.

UA Treasurer Alex W. Dehnert '12 said that over-allocation decreased this semester from 15 percent to 10 percent because Finboard expects student groups to use more of the money that they are allocated. Finboard usually gives out more money than it has, because it expects student groups will not use all of the money they have been budgeted.

Last fall, Finboard allocations shrank by 16 percent. Dehnert said that the UA has already determined next fall's Finboard allocation to be capped at \$115,000. Allocations are decided the semester before, but there is an appeals process during at the beginning of each semester.

Solution to Crossword

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Solution to Sudoku (Easy)

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After 15 years serving MIT, Licarie ‘graduates’

By Melissa Renée Schumacher
STAFF REPORTER

UPS driver Al F. Licarie is “finally graduating,” to a new delivery route, he told *The Tech* on Wednesday. He has been working the MIT route for 15 years.

MIT was the first route he worked consistently, though he worked others before. Licarie says he doesn’t really want to leave, but he thinks it’s time for a change. United Parcel Service drivers get routes assigned through a bidding system every two years, and this time around, a driver with more seniority bid for the MIT route.

He’s met a lot of nice people here — he has many friends who are faculty and housemasters — and he’ll miss them, he said.

Licarie has delivered many strange things to labs at MIT, like frogs and horseshoe crabs. Once, a box of crickets came open in his UPS van.

His least favorite time of the year is when students are moving in or out because they get a lot of packages from home, which usually contain heavy books. Often, students get impatient waiting for their packages and chase down his van asking for their stuff.

One of the strangest packages he has ever had to deliver was a box of pizza. About ten years ago, a student’s parents sent him a pizza from home, in the box, taped up and addressed. By the time Licarie picked it up, the sauce was starting to leak through the box. “Needless to say, I was glad to get rid of that package,” he said.

Licarie’s favorite time of the year is graduation. He said that it’s good to see students happy, having parties and cookouts. Around finals, students can be “like zombies,” sometimes walking in front of his truck without noticing. Graduation is a welcome change from that.



MELISSA RENÉE SCHUMACHER—THE TECH

UPS driver Al F. Licarie has been working the MIT delivery route for 15 years. He is “finally graduating,” to a new route on the other side of Main Street.

The new driver will be taking over Al’s route any day now, but Al will still be close. His new route is on the other side of Main Street in Kendall Square.

Budget cuts to affect summer housing, shuttle services

Clay, from Page 1

Undergraduate Association President Michael A. Bennie ’10 applauded Clay’s efforts, saying “this whole process has been fairly transparent, I feel like this [public response] is the next step.”

Chancellor says number of undergrads to remain same

A change in the number of undergraduates at MIT is unlikely to happen soon, according to Clay’s response. In his “Chancellor’s Response to the Institute-wide Planning Task Force Preliminary Report,” posted Feb. 24, he wrote that “undergraduate enrollment will not be increased until additional housing is available.”

In particular, completing the construction of Ashdown (W1) will likely influence increasing enrollment size, he says.

Regarding undergraduate enrollment size, Clay also wrote that “we have assessed and addressed other issues related to the likely impacts of increase in the size,” but did not specify or provide his opinion on any of these specific enrollment-related concerns.

Some proposals that will not take effect soon include the suggestions to eliminating Athena clusters, limiting Athena cluster printing, developing additional summer classes, “right-sizing” the graduate student body, and introducing a “3+2” masters degree program. These ideas require further study from the appropriate working groups, according to Clay.

The idea to eliminate Athena clusters and implement changes in Athena printing policy is currently being discussed in a newly-formed working group.

Plans to develop additional summer courses are still under evaluation by the Dean of Undergraduate Education, according to Clay. MIT could allow freshmen to take General Institute Requirement courses in the summer before they enter, or could run a summer school for high school or college students.

“There will be no action on this

until the matter is reviewed and appropriate consultation with CUP [Committee on the Undergraduate Program] and other faculty committees is pursued,” he said.

Adding summer courses could bring in revenue from increased summer housing. It could also ease the crowding problem in GIR courses, allowing the freshman class to be larger. To make money, MIT might not offer financial aid, and non-MIT students would likely be charged full price.

Similarly, “right-sizing” the graduate student body or adding a new “3+2” masters degree option will not take effect without further study from the deans for undergraduate and graduate education.

Changing drop and add dates among ideas delegated back to departments

Some ideas — like changing the add and drop dates — will be sent back to academic committees and later voted on by the faculty. More specifically, Clay said “the academic calendar is a faculty governance issue:” the Committee on Academic Performance and the Committee on Graduate Programs must consider the Task Force proposal, which would then need to be considered for a vote by the entire Faculty.

Likewise, the Task Force report proposed modifying or eliminating the current Physical Education requirement, which Clay says must first be proposed by a faculty committee for vote as it currently exists as part of the undergraduate program.

Clay also noted that freshman alternative programs — such as Terrascope, Concourse, and the Experimental Study Group (ESG) — will face budget reductions similar to that of other academic programs and departments, but no programs will be cut.

Shuttles services, dining, and summer housing to be reevaluated

According to Clay, the Dean for Student Life, the Department of Facilities, Undergraduate As-

sociation, and the Graduate Student Council are currently working to reevaluate the use of MIT’s shuttle services. Redundant routes covered by both the MIT Shuttle Service and MBTA buses may be eliminated, and the frequency of some routes may be reduced. A fee may be added for some routes.

Clay wrote that efforts to make changes to the current dining system are underway, and the Division of Student Life is maintaining dialogue with the four residence halls that have dining to develop a “sustainable dining plan” that eliminates the current \$300 fee.

Although no rigid deadlines have been set to change the dining system, Clay says “a slight adjustment will be made to the student expense budget that determines financial aid eligibility in several categories, including the dining allowance.”

Financial aid currently estimates students spend \$4,510 per year for food, but a recent MIT survey conducted last fall found that undergraduates spend only \$1,700 to \$2,240. The Task Force suggests the dining allowance provided by financial aid be reduced to \$3,000 for students without dining and \$4,510 for those with a meal plan. Clay said that a slight adjustment will be made to the student expense budget that determines financial aid eligibility.

The number of dorms available to students for summer housing is also likely to change in hopes of reducing operational costs, with changes occurring as soon as this summer.

Clay said that students hoping to live on campus this summer will be limited to a reduced number of dorms, and MIT will most likely use the other dorms to generate revenue by renting or subletting them.

The Division of Student Life and the Housing Strategy Group are currently deciding which dorms will be open for summer housing.

Clay’s full response to the Task Force report can be found on at: <http://web.mit.edu/chancellor/reports.html>.

CSAIL upgrades wireless network to 802.11n

Wireless internet in CSAIL is experiencing a boost this week as 80 new Meraki 802.11n access points are being installed. The new wireless network runs at 100 megabits per second, 10 times faster than it was before the upgrade.

The new network will serve most of the Stata Center above the ground floor, not including student street, which is managed by IS&T. The Stata center is occupied by the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, as well as the Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems and the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy.

The Infrastructure Group at CSAIL, also known as TIG, installed the access points and will manage the new wireless network. Jack Costanza, assistant director of infrastructure at CSAIL, said the upgrade to Meraki access points will help TIG monitor and configure the network via a web-based controller. “The new Meraki-based network will not only have a dramatic effect on performance but also provide a cost effective alternative to traditional wireless hardware controller based implementations,” said Costanza. “The combination of this advanced technology and ‘cloud’ based controller will allow TIG to easily manage the network and pinpoint security issues on the wireless network in Stata.”

According to Costanza, all of the new wireless access points will be installed in CSAIL by today.

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Latkes ruin economies, says Grimson

Semi-scientific claims target both latkes and hamentashen

Debate, from Page 1

the other side of the room, representing the hamentash were Department Head Eric E. Grimson of EECS, Assistant Professor Marta C. González of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Department Head Michael Sipser of Mathematics. Each professor was allowed seven minutes to present why his or her treat was superior to the other. After each presentation, the opposing team was allowed a 90-second rebuttal.

In order to decide which team would have the choice to go first, the audience had a chanting battle. The right section of the audience yelled “hamentash” while the left section screamed “latke.” The middle section of the audience was asked to decide which side was louder — the latke won. Team Latke chose to go second.

Grimson presented first, giving the audience a history lesson about the pastries. He presented photos of British and colonial hats from the 18th century, noting that the colonial tricorn hats were remarkably similar to hamentashen, and the British hats were like latkes. He said that hamentashen resemble

golden triangles, and can be used to construct a perfect pentagram, which many religions believe have the power to protect against evil. Grimson criticized latkes for being circular, comparing them to the Golden Circle, a popular tourist route in Iceland. He pointed out that because Iceland is a bankrupt and cold country, latkes are not powerful.

The triangle structure of the hamentash is “unreliable, unstable, and duplicitous”

He also examined the economic impact of hamentash and latke consumption and determined that hamentash are better for global economies while latkes destroy national economies. He argued that a latke is similar to mashed McDonald’s french fries, which are made of only one type of potato. The last time an economy depended on one

type of potato, the irish potato famine happened, crippling Ireland’s economy. The hamentash, on the other hand, uses a variety of ingredients produced by various countries all over the world.

In response to Grimson, Smith revived the image of the latke by presenting the triple bottom line for measuring success: prosperity, planet, and potatoes. She demonstrated how the triple bottom line explains why the latke is superior for a sustainable world. She added that 2008 was the U.N. Year of the Potato, whereas not once has a hamentash filling had its own year.

For Team Latke, Wagner convinced the audience that, because potatoes can be brought to space, latkes make great zero-gravity meals. On the other hand, because “safety in space requires no sharp edges,” hamentashen are useless — even dangerous — in space.

Sipser wrapped things up for Team Hamentash with the HamenTheorem, which proves by contradiction that the hamentash is better than the latke. First, the proof assumes latkes are best. Then by obviousness, he claimed that hamentashen are better than nothing, and by first assumption,

claimed that nothing is better than latkes. Therefore, Sipser argued that the HamenTheorem proved that hamentashen are better than latkes.

Imperiali used the rules of organic chemistry to criticize hamentashen. She said that the triangle structure of the hamentash is “unreliable, unstable, and duplicitous” because is like a three-membered ring. She then concluded her presentation with a question to the audience: “Everyone may tell you that a triangle is perfect, but what happens when that triangle isn’t a triangle anymore?”

Team Hamentash made the first rebuttal, quickly countering Team Latke’s arguments with ones such as “the Challenger disaster was caused by an O-ring and not a hamentash ring.” Instead of a traditional rebuttal, Team Latke presented a photo of the Latke-Hamentash fold, a protein which, when rotated, had 3 triangular sections surrounded by 3 circular sections, symbolizing latkes and hamentashen coexisting in harmony.

The debate, as always, ended in a tie, allowing for another debate next year.

DiFava gatekeeps cameras

Police must get approval to view video

Cameras, from Page 1

in some Chemistry spaces in Buildings 18 and 4. As of 2007, their footage was kept for 14 days. Chemistry facilities manager Scott R. Wade is on vacation and returns on Monday, and did not respond to inquiries.

Additionally, Professor Tom W. Eagar ’72 talked to *The Tech* about the camera his lab maintains:

- One camera in the main corridor of Building 4, just off from the Infinite Corridor, which overlooks Eagar’s office and laboratory.

Eagar said in an e-mail that a camera has been in that location “for a number of years,” and was installed “because of vandalism and harassing attacks” as well as tens of thousands of dollars of thefts over the past three decades.

The camera’s footage is only accessible to Eagar’s lab manager, and is “stored for several weeks until the disk is full and it is overwritten,” Eagar said.

Eagar said there is “no regular monitoring” of the footage, and it has “only been viewed on less than a handful of occasions,” most recently in conjunction with a police investigation of an \$8,000 theft of copper pipe from a nearby classroom.

Eagar said he was receptive to an MIT Policy on the use of cameras. “We need to be aware of the potential for abuse and protect against such abuse, just as we need a reasonable level of security,” he said.

So what if there was a hack?

Would camera footage be used to identify and punish perpetrators? *The Tech* asked Komola what would happen if Lobby 10 cameras had captured a hack in progress.

“If the cameras were in place during a hack, then [MIT Police Chief] John DiFava or [MIT Police Chief of Staff] Al Pierce would have to determine if the act rose to the level of a criminal activity,” he said. “Only then, would an authorized request be submitted to the Security & Emergency Management Office for the release of a video. Not unlike the card data request, the video must be requested within 14 days.”

Data retention policies

Komola said that the security office did indeed have a policy on camera footage, and that it was similar to the policy governing the records from ID card access points.

The ID policy, at http://web.mit.edu/semo/security_policies.html, states that card data, “is kept confidential and is only available for a brief period of time.”

In the course of a criminal investigation, “The MIT Police Department is the sole entity that may request and use this information,” and “a written request must be signed and presented by the Chief of MIT Police”

Presumably MIT would also furnish that data in response to a court-ordered subpoena as long as it is consistent with the laws regarding handling of student records, namely FERPA — the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act — which requires schools to restrict the release of student records.

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Radiation bills raise questions about supervision

By **Walt Bogdanich**
and **Rebecca R. Ruiz**
THE NEW YORK TIMES

MELBOURNE, FLA — To help ensure that medical radiation is administered safely, Medicare insists that certain highly technical cancer treatments be administered only when a patient’s radiation oncologist is present or nearby.

But when one of Florida’s biggest physician practices submitted 62 claims for treatments by Dr. Todd J. Scarbrough, it turned out that he had not just been absent from the clinic — he had not even been in the country, according to federal officials. Instead, they said, Scarbrough had been in Cancun, Mexico, and Seoul, South Korea.

The physician group also submitted 144 claims for another radiation oncologist, Dr. Nanialei Golden, for treatments done while she was in Hong Kong, Athens, Rome and Quito, Ecuador, federal records show.

These are among the accusations involving the cancer clinic owned by the doctors’ group, Melbourne Internal Medicine Associates, court records show.

A lawsuit by federal officials is focusing only on what the officials say are fraudulent billings from 2003 through at least 2008. But the case points to some of the rising concerns about safety procedures and oversight involving today’s increasingly complex computer-controlled radiotherapy and diagnostic equipment. At the same time, it raises

questions about financial incentives and the overuse of high technology, and highly reimbursed, treatments.

By not properly supervising technicians, as the government alleges, the doctors put patients at risk — and then tried to cover it up. By treating patients at the group’s own cancer center, doctors stood to benefit from tests and radiation therapy in which they had a financial interest. And, according to federal officials, the cancer center often ordered more lucrative treatments when less advanced and cheaper ones would have served just as well.

In Florida, the physician group’s chief administrative officer, Al O’Connell, declined to discuss the federal accusations, but said his cancer center provided “outstanding” medical care.

Few dorms open this summer

MIT Housing will choose before spring break

Summer Housing, from Page 1

Steven R. Lerman, has taken on the task of determining which dorms will house undergraduates, which will serve outside groups, and which will close. The group must complete its work before spring break starts in late March because summer housing applications are due March 22, said Albahar, who is also a member of the group. He does not know exactly when the decisions will be released.

The other undergraduate representatives in the Housing Strategy Group are Dormitory Council Vice President Lyla J. Fischer ’11 and Undergraduate Association President Michael A. Bennie ’10.

The idea to consolidate most undergraduates in a couple dorms is a recommendation from the Institute-wide Planning Task Force Report, released in mid-December last year. The report suggested “defragmenting the use of dorms so that they are either fully used by our students, by MIT programs or outside programs, or are closed to residents other than year-round residents, such as GRTs and housemasters.” This recommendation was made because “housing utilization during the summer is low, particularly in undergraduate dorms.”

MIT Housing has already made recommendations to the Housing Strategy Group about which dorms it thinks ought to house undergraduates, shut down, or open to others. The Housing Strategy Group’s job now is to evaluate those recommendations. They are soliciting feedback from dorm presidents, and Housing is collecting input from dorm housemasters, said Albahar.

The decisions will take into account how many students have stayed in each dorm during previous summers, as well as which dorms need renovation, Albahar said.

Care will be taken to ensure that any work that gets done on dorms during the summer improves the dorms, does not remove any of their amenities, and preserve elements of dorms that contribute to their culture, including murals, kitchens, and

lounges, said Albahar.

Albahar also said that Housing has agreed to provide students with free transportation for several days for while moving between dorms at the start of the summer.

He said that students granted early return to dorms, which are closed for the summer, will still be able to move back in early August. Dorms will also be stricter in preventing students without early return from moving back in.

He also said that storage space will likely be inadequate to fit the possessions of all the students moving out of closed dorms during the summer. He said this issue will probably have to be addressed on a dorm-by-dorm basis but may also involve MIT Housing contracting a local storage company to provide extra space.

“It seems very likely that there will be a system to allow people to block together, as both students and the administration see this as a positive feature of summer housing,” wrote Bennie in an e-mail to the UA Senate mailing list, which is open to the public.

“What we’re trying to do over the

next month is minimize damage to students...[and] to make the decision that’s best for [their] comfort and convenience,” said Albahar.

Dean Colombo and Senior Associate Dean Barbara A. Baker of the Division for Student Life could not be reached for comments yesterday.

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Men's basketball faces Clark in first game, Saturday at 1 p.m. in Rockwell

During last year's improbable run to the Division III NCAA tournament, the Engineers reached an all-time. The 2009-2010 Engineers have reached a new pinnacle of success; they have won the most games, 22, in the program's history. With only three losses on their slate (one of which came against Division I Har-

The rest of the season will be championship play in one form or another. The Engineers will host the NEWMAC conference championship tournament at Rockwell cage this weekend, where the top four teams will square off to determine the conference champion. The conference champion, regardless of the regular season title, is

Should the Engineers falter this weekend, their résumé is strong enough to be a favorite to receive an at-large bid. But that's not the plan. "We don't want to leave it up to chance," said Johnson, the captain. "While I think we deserve the opportunity to play in [the NCAA tournament in] March regardless of this weekend, we want to win this tournament and do what no other team has been able to do before us – win both [tournaments]."

MIT will undoubtedly need strong performances all around. Noel Hollingsworth '12 will need to be a presence in the paint alongside Will Tashman '13, where the two combine for an average of 28.2 points and 16.1 rebounds per game. Mitchell H. Kates '13 must also continue to lead the Engi-

The Engineers will be playing their first game against either Clark or Wheaton at 1 p.m. at Rockwell Cage on Saturday, Feb. 27. If MIT wins, the championship will be played on Sunday at noon.



UPCOMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27 at B.U.

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Kokensparger returned Saturday and posted another victory in the 100 fly (55.66). Once again, her swim set a Championship Meet record as she edged out two-time event winner and teammate Jacobi. In her final individual event, Kokensparger won her third title in the 200 fly (2:04.10), shattering the conference record (Jennifer A. Chao '09) by well over four seconds. All three of her individual performances were also NCAA A-cut times, qualifying her for next

Up next, the MIT men hit the pool next weekend for the 2010 Men's Swimming and Diving Championships hosted by Wheaton College. Then, March 18-21, both teams travel to the University of Minnesota for the 2010 NCAA Division III Championships.

Tuesday, 2/23
vs. Southern Vermont College

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